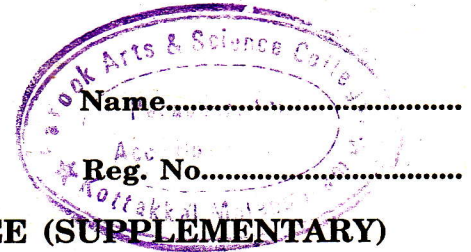


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**SECOND SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. DEGREE (SUPPLEMENTARY)  
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2017**

(UG—CCSS)

Common Course

A 03—READING LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Answer the following bunches of questions. Each bunch carries 1 weightage :

(A) 1 The author of *The Essays of Elia* is:

- (a) Charles Lamb. (b) Mary Lamb.  
(c) John Lamb. (d) E. V. Lucas.

2 Which book has been a constant companion to Kalam ?

- (a) *Man is Unknown.* (b) *Thirukkural.*  
(c) *Holy Quran.* (d) *Light from Many Lamps.*

3 Children are not good companions because they :

- (a) Sleep a lot. (b) Are noisy and climb windows.  
(c) Talk a lot. (d) Eat a lot.

4 The study of knowledge is known as :

- (a) Morphology. (b) Phonology.  
(c) Epistemology. (d) Philology.

(B) Fill in the blanks :

5 Wordsworth wrote Lyrical Ballads in association with \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Mathew Arnold. (b) W. B. Yeats.  
(c) Coleridge. (d) John Keats.

6 Middle age is when your children are no longer friends but \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Enemies. (b) Neighbours.  
(c) Critics. (d) Partners.

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7 The English translation of *Gitanjali* published in 1912 carried an introduction by :

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi. (b) Robert Frost.  
(c) W. B. Yeats. (d) King George V.

8 "Imperial affliction" means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Air borne illness. (b) Great suffering.  
(c) Royal disease. (d) None of the above.

(C) Choose the right answer :

9 "The swine has cheated me!" Who is the swine ?

- (a) The astrologer. (b) The astrologer's wife.  
(c) The stranger. (d) The nuts vendor.

10 "Kelp is :

- (a) A fish. (b) A vessel.  
(c) A dog. (d) A medicinal seaweed.

11 A Satyr is :

- (a) An honest man.  
(b) An honest woman.  
(c) A legendary hero.  
(d) A mythological creature with the features of man and goat.

12 *Verst* is a unit of :

- (a) Time. (b) Length.  
(c) Weight. (d) Volume.

(3 × 1 = 3 weightage)

II. Answer each of the following questions in two or three sentences. Each question carries 1 weightage :

- 13 What are Kalam's observations about terrorists ?  
14 Why does the sergeant decide to forego the award ?  
15 Comment on Priestley's caricature of "the middle-aged woman".  
16 What is Smirnov's attitude towards talking to women?  
17 What is the essence of wisdom, according to Russell ?

- 18 What is not love, according to Shakespeare ?
- 19 What mission was Lucy entrusted with ? How did she lose her way ?
- 20 Why did artists make a beeline to Greenwich and set up a colony there ?
- 21 What did the astrologer tell the stranger about his enemy ?

(9 × 1 = 9 weightage)

III. Answer *five* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words. Each question carries 2 weightage :

- 22 Trace the circumstances that led to the duel between Popova and Smirnov.
- 23 Two different approaches that the poet adopted when he was angry with his friend and his foe.
- 24 Humour in R. K. Narayan's story "An Astrologer's Day".
- 25 Tagore's vision of India.
- 26 How does one achieve growing wisdom ?
- 27 Which are the books that shaped Kalam's life, and how ?
- 28 Comment on the sentence "We are nothing; less than nothing, and dreams."

(5 × 2 = 10 weightage)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words. Each question carries 4 weightage :

- 29 Discuss *The Rising of the Moon* as a political play.
- 30 "With every increase of knowledge and skill, wisdom becomes more necessary," says Russell. Discuss.
- 31 The Bear is "full of comic situations and absurdities deriving from the characters' lack of self-knowledge." Discuss.

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)